Wellesley Board of Health CONFERENCE CALL Meeting Minutes April 8, 2020 2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair Marcia Testa Simonson, MPH, PhD, Vice Chair Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary

Staff:

Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator Leonard Izzo, Director Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm.

1. Administration

a) Director's Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Mr. Izzo elaborated on the most recent issues surrounding Coronavirus in the Town of Wellesley (see below).
- Mr. Izzo continues to work with Richard Delorie, Fire Chief on supplies.

2. Community Health

a) Mental Health Services
Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

b) Springwell Nutrition Program

Joyce Saret reported that Springwell's Nutrition program had to cancel regular and therapeutic home delivered and congregate meals at the last minute yesterday. Meals were delivered to Springwell staging sites, however the Everett Board of Health conducted an inspection of the main caterer and found sanitation issues. They observed staff packing meals without gloves or masks. As a precaution, they did not deliver the meals. There will be two frozen meals delivered Thursday and Friday. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Coronavirus - cases, etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that the total cases in Wellesley as of this afternoon is 32. This figure does not include the six original cases.

b) Human Resource – returning to work after testing positive

Ann Marie McCauley has received several calls asking when it is "safe" for someone who has tested positive with Coronavirus to return to work. She will be putting a memo together on protocols.

4) Environmental Health

a) Morgue Space

Leonard Izzo reported that funeral homes have limited space for storage. Mr. Izzo has been reviewing plans for morgue space should it be needed. The original town plans were to utilize an ice rink, however Mr. Izzo noted the possible use of refrigerated trucks. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

b) Food Establishments

Holly Detroy reported that Whole Foods will be offering curbside pickup for Amazon Prime members. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

Vivian Zeng reported that Roche Brothers will be closing Sunday and Monday next week.

Fells Market will be closing on Saturday for one week.

The Board of Health anticipates there be a rush at the grocery stores over the coming weekend due to the Easter holiday, as well as that Roche Brothers will be closed for two days. Mr. Izzo will notify the police department.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 9, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner Administrator

Documents reviewed during this meeting and on-file in the Health Department:

NONE